CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, CA 96002

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0083721)
FOR

BELL-CARTER OLIVE CO., INC. AND CITY OF CORNING INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT TEHAMA COUNTY

Bell-Carter Olive Co., Inc. (Discharger) owns and operates an industrial wastewater treatment plant (Facility) located on Gardiner Ferry Road in Corning, CA. Process wastewater is discharged to 27 acres of Class II surface impoundments. The wastewater treatment plant consists of an influent pump station, three aeration ponds, two settling ponds, and two effluent storage ponds (i.e., double-lined Class II surface impoundments), and an ultrafiltration system. Solids generated in the aerobic treatment process and the ultrafiltration system (i.e., membrane waste solids) are removed from the ponds periodically by the use of a floating dredge. Solids are dewatered with a centrifuge, removed from the site daily (when the ponds are being dredged), and are trucked to a landfill. Bell-Carter discharges effluent to the Sacramento River through a multiport diffuser outfall that is also used as the City of Corning's WWTP effluent outfall.

Discharges from the Facility are currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2007-0166, adopted by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) on 6 December 2007. An Order is proposed to renew the NPDES permit. The Discharger is expected to be able to immediately comply with the tentative NPDES permit, if adopted.

A public hearing to address this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting, which is scheduled for:

DATE:

16/17 April 2015

TIME:

8:30 am

PLACE:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Fresno Office

1685 E Street, Fresno, CA 93706-2020

Fresno, CA

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Bell-Carter Olive Co., Inc.
- City of Corning

<u>Designated parties</u> but not interested persons will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. Central Valley Water Board staff will prepare the administrative

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record, and may present evidence, make an oral presentation and cross-examine opposing witnesses

Interested persons may not cross examine witnesses, and will not be subject to cross examination. Interested persons may submit evidence (e.g., photographs, eye-witness testimony, monitoring data) if the evidence is submitted in accordance with the deadlines for submitting evidence described below. Interested persons who present evidence may be subject to cross-examination. Interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than 5:00 pm on 17 February 2015. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is affected by the discharge.

The tentative Order was issued on **16 January 2015**. Persons wishing to comment on this item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 pm on 17 February 2015**. Written materials submitted after this date and time will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair. Both designated parties and interested persons may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Board members, counsel staff or others, at the discretion of the Board.

Anyone having questions on the tentative documents should contact Jeremy Pagan at (530) 224-4850, or at jeremy.pagan@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, CA 96002 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The final meeting agenda will be available at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/

at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the dates the Board meeting will be held, indicate the anticipated order of agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order(s).

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, § 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings

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before the Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code § 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/

Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Board's website at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml

or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Clint E. Snyder, P.G.

Assistant Executive Officer

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